

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	Isabelle Chacornac, et. al.	Examiner:	SHEIKH, Humera N.
Application No.:	10/743,244	Art Unit:	1615
Filed:	December 22, 2003		
Title:	Compositions for the Oral Administration of Active Principles Requiring Masking of Taste		

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 AND REPLY
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Rule 111 amendment in response to a final Office Action on the merits of the claims of the above-referenced patent application that was mailed to Applicants' Attorney on December 26, 2007. Said office action had a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months, resulting in an original due date for response of March 26, 2008. This amendment is therefore timely filed. It is respectfully requested that the following amendments and remarks be entered and made of record in this case.

Amendments to the claims start on page 2 and the claims as set forth below will replace all prior claims pending in the application. It is acknowledged that these are being submitted after final and that they need not be entered into the record as a matter of right, but it is respectfully asserted that the amendments now place the claims in proper form for allowance and were not submitted earlier in the previous response because the claims were already believed to be allowable and these were un-necessary. In view of the Examiners' second round of rejections however, these further amendments appear warranted to place the claims in proper form for allowance and issue. Remarks regarding the amendments and the outstanding office action begin on page 5.